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House of Representatives

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LARSEN of Washington).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 21, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RICK LARSEN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, who alone measures time against the background of eternity with the vision of faith, give to Your people an honest perspective, that their priorities may surface from the depths of their commitment. Help Members of Congress to accomplish great deeds for the good of this Nation and for the stability of the world's economy.

By an honest assessment of natural and national resources, as well as facing our own human limitations, lead us on a practical course of decisions that will bind the wounds of past sins and free us to live as Your people now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. EDDIE

BERNICE JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, April 3, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, The Capitol,

House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 3, 2009, at 11:08 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 735.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 93.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 54.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

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Washington, DC, April 3, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, The Capitol,

House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on April 17, 2009, at 1:08 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 13.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, April 3, 2009:

S. 383, to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110-343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional authorities and responsibilities, and for other purposes

S. 520, to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the "Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse"

APPOINTMENT AS MEMBERS TO COMMISSION TO STUDY POTENTIAL CREATION OF A NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO

Pursuant to section 333(a)(2) of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (P.L. 110-229), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following members on the part of the House to the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino:

as voting members:

Mr. Luis Cancel, San Francisco, CA

Ms. Eva Longoria Parker, San Antonio, TX

Mr. Henry Munoz, San Antonio, TX

as a nonvoting member:

Ms. Lorraine Garcia-Nakata, San Francisco, CA

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MOVING TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY WITH THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I simply want to report that I held two economic recovery workshops in Dallas yesterday with almost a thousand people attending. And it's because the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act is an unprecedented effort to dig ourselves out of the recession and move toward economic recovery and then long-term sustained prosperity.

Communities in my district have already received tens of thousands of dollars in recovery money. The Los Barrios Unidos Community Clinic was able to open a satellite clinic. DFW Airport will be able to start the \$2 million runway rehabilitation project immediately. The Dallas Independent School District has received more than \$78 million to support low-income students.

We inherited quite a mess with the last administration. There is plenty of work left to do, and we want to be a part of it. I am proud to have voted for the Recovery Act.

SET A STANDARD FOR TECHNOLOGY NEUTRAL, LOW-CARBON FUELS

(Ms. SPEIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's Washington Post featured a column by Eli Hopson from the Union of Concerned Scientists calling for a technology neutral, low-carbon fuel standard.

The Congress and the administration should not be picking winners and losers when it comes to technology. We did that for ethanol and it led to dire unintended consequences as land once used for growing food was converted to fuel production and the price of corn has skyrocketed so those who need it for survival can no longer afford it.

Meanwhile, innovators across America are achieving remarkable results. On a recent visit to a company in my district called Solazyme in South San Francisco, I drove an unmodified American car that ran on 100 percent fuel from algae oil produced right here in the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, exciting projects like this are going on all across our country, and the only thing that the government needs to do to encourage them is to set a standard for low-carbon fuels that is technology neutral and then let the scientists and the innovators race to the top.

TEA PARTY IN TEXAS

(Mr. OLSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, last week I was privileged to join my constituents at TEA parties all across my district, people who are frustrated with the spending here in Washington who wanted to say enough is enough. They are tired of runaway government spending dressed up as stimulus, and more importantly, they are tired of saddling our children with a debt they can never repay.

I came away from these events with hundreds upon hundreds of tea bags from my constituents protesting the spending spree that's going on here in Washington. But for me, one little girl summed it up. At a TEA party in Friendswood, Texas, I got to meet Brittany Hornick, a little 12-year-old girl who lives in Lake City, Texas. She had this sign that sums up what this battle is about. Her sign said, "Stop spending my future income." And that's what this is all about, Mr. Speaker.

The bills that the administration and the Democrats are running up in Congress today will be paid by Brittany and her generation. My Republican colleagues and I will continue to push for responsible spending measures that will ensure that Brittany and her generation are not the first generation of American children worse off than their parents.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1694) to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1694

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. REVOLUTIONARY WAR AND WAR OF 1812 AMERICAN BATTLEFIELD PROTECTION.

Section 7301(c) of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-11) is amended as follows:

(1) In paragraph (1)(A), by inserting after "means" the following: "collectively, both

the document entitled 'Report to Congress on the Historic Preservation of Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Sites in the United States', prepared by the National Park Service, and dated September 2007, and".

(2) In paragraph (2), by inserting "eligible sites or" after "acquiring".

(3) In paragraph (3), by inserting "an eligible site or" after "acquire".

(4) In paragraph (4), by inserting "an eligible site or" after "acquiring".

(5) In paragraph (5), by striking "An" and inserting "An eligible site or an".

(6) By redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (8).

(7) By inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraphs:

"(6) WILLING SELLERS.—Acquisition of land or interests in land under this subsection shall be from willing sellers only.

"(7) REPORT.—Not later than 5 years after the date of the enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on the activities carried out under this subsection, including a description of—

"(A) preservation activities carried out at the battlefields and associated sites identified in the battlefield report during the period between publication of the battlefield report and the report required under this paragraph;

"(B) changes in the condition of the battlefields and associated sites during that period; and

"(C) any other relevant developments relating to the battlefields and associated sites during that period."

(8) In paragraph (8) (as so redesignated), by striking "\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2009 through 2013" and inserting "\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2010 through 2014".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Mrs. CHRISTENSEN) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. BISHOP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands?

There was no objection.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1694, the Revolutionary War and War of 1812 Battlefield Protection Act, was introduced by my colleague on the Natural Resources Committee, Congressman RUSH HOLT of New Jersey. This bill will provide Federal matching grants that will help in the acquisition and preservation of nationally significant battlefields and sites associated with the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812.

Rapid urbanization and suburban sprawl have increasingly encroached upon these battlefield sites, threatening the historic integrity and resulting in the loss of some sites altogether.

H.R. 1694 will enable State or local governments to obtain Federal grants to leverage matching private funds to acquire these endangered sites and work to restore, protect and preserve them for future generations.